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1. AT THE LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THE MAY 7 SENIOR LEVEL MEETING, THERE WAS A SOMEWHAT DISJOINTED DISCUSSION OF THE FRG'S RELATIONS WITH THE USSR AND THE GDR. FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS.

2. VAN WELL REVIEWED BRIEFLY THE STATUS OF THE FRG STOCK-TAKING PACKAGE OF ISSUES WITH THE GDR, MUCH ALONG THE LINES OF BONN'S EXCELLENT MESSAGE (REFTEL). HE SAID THE BONN GOVERNMENT WAS NOW CONSULTING WITH CDU LEADER KOHL BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH FURTHER CONTACTS WITH THE GDR. VAN WELL SAID THE FRG'S EFFORT NOW WAS TO PICK OUT THE ISSUES IN WHICH THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME MUTUAL BENEFIT SO THAT PUBLIC

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CRITICISM OF FRG ATTEMPTS TO ENGAGE THE GDR COULD BE AVOIDED OR PLAYED DOWN. VAN WELL REMARKED, IN AN ASIDE, THAT SCHMIDT WAS FURIOUS WITH THE GDR LEADERSHIP OVER THE RECENT SPY UNCOVERED IN THE CHANCELLERY. VAN WELL SAID WHAT WAS PARTICULARLY ANNOYING WAS THAT THE WOMAN WAS RECRUITED AFTER THE GUILLAUME AFFAIR.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING, VAN WELL ASSURED THE OTHER THREE REPS THAT THE FRG WOULD CONSULT CLOSELY WITH THE THREE ALLIES EACH STEP OF THE WAY IN THOSE AREAS WHERE ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES MIGHT COME INTO PLAY. DE LA BOULAYE SAID THAT THE FRENCH SIDE PARTICULARLY WANTED TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT SOME OF THE PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS WHICH SEEMED TO BLUR THE LINES BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE BERLIN SENAT AS THE WESTERN NEGOTIATING PARTNER WITH THE GDR. VAN WELL DENIED THIS WAS THE CASE. DE LA BOULAYE SAID THAT HE NONETHELESS WOULD WANT HIS LEGAL ADVISERS TO EXAMINE SOME OF THE FRG IDEAS, ESPECIALLY ONE PROPOSAL WHICH VAN WELL HAD MENTIONED IN PASSING, I.E. AN FRG EQUALIZATION TAX ON GDR TRUCKS AND CARS TRAVELLING TO THE FRG. DE LA BOULAYE SAID IF THIS TAX, WHICH HE QUITE UNDERSTOOD AS A REACTION TO RECENT GDR MOVES IN THIS AREA, ALSO COVERED GDR TRAFFIC TO WEST BERLIN, THEN THERE WAS A QUESTION OF WHICH BODY SHOULD NEGOTIATE FOR THE WESTERN SIDE. VAN WELL ASSURED DE LA BOULAYE THAT EVERY ACCOUNT WOULD BE TAKEN OF THE ALLIED POSITION IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS.

4. TURNING TO RELATIONS WITH THE USSR, VAN WELL REPORTED THAT BONDARENKO HAD SAID DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO BONN THAT ALL THE BRACKETS NOW PRESENT IN THE OUTSTANDING DRAFT AGREEMENTS ON CULTURE AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION COULD BE

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REMOVED VERY QUICKLY ONCE THE SOVIETS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE PLANS FOR BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO BONN. ACCORDING TO VAN WELL, BREZHNEV DOES NOT WISH TO COME TO BONN UNTIL AFTER THE NOVEMBER 7 CEREMONIES IN MOSCOW.

5. VAN WELL SAID THAT HIS TALKS WITH BONDARENKO HAD APPARENTLY BROUGHT THE TWO SIDES CLOSER IN THOSE AREAS OF DISPUTE IN THE QA, ESPECIALLY ON THE INTERPRETATION OF BERLINERS' PRESENCE ON FRG DELEGATIONS. (FOR EMBASSY BONN. VAN WELL SEEMED TO SUGGEST THAT WERE FRG-USSR INTERPRETATIONS OF THE QA UNDER CONSIDERATION. AN EFFORT IN BONN QUIETLY TO DETERMINE WHAT, IF ANYTHING, IS GOING ON IN THIS REGARD WOULD SEEM WARRANTED.)

6. VAN WELL SAID THAT GENSCHER AND DE GUIRINGAUD BOTH HAD AGREED ON A FIRM LINE ON BERLIN FOR THEIR CONFIDENTIAL

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UPCOMING MEETINGS WITH GROMYKO. VAN WELL STATED, AND DE LA BOULAYE AGREED, THAT THE SOVIETS SEEMED NOW TO BE TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AND THE FRG, APPARENTLY IN AN EFFORT TO SPLIT THE WEST EUROPEANS OFF FROM THE US PRIOR TO THE CSCE BELGRADE MEETING. THE SOVIET LINE SEEMED TO BE AIMED AT IMPROVING TRADE AND OTHER TIES SO AS TO MAKE THE EUROPEANS TAKE A MODERATING POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE US AT BELGRADE.

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